THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) All the machines imported by Ordnance Factory, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh are in active productive use.

**Modernisation Plan for Indian Ordnance Factories**

808. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Ordnance factories plan to invest Rs. 250—300 crores annually on their modernisation;

(b) if so, whether the plans for modernisation have been finalised;

(c) if so, whether any Committee was formed to formulate the plan of modernisation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Investment decisions for modernisation are taken on the basis of in-house exercises as well as on the recommendations of expert committees set up for the purpose. The report of one such committee is available.

**Replacement of Arjuna Tank**

809. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main battle tank Arjuna is being replaced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the new varieties proposed to be purchased; and

(c) the steps proposed to ensure that spares for the new varieties to be purchased are available?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.